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SUBJECT:DAILY PRESS SUMMARY, SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1977.

NEW YORK TIMES

SECOND EDITORIAL
HEADLINE: "BALANCING IN BRAZIL."

LEAD: "IN HER BRIEF VISIT TO BRAZIL LAST WEEK, ROSALYNN
CARTER MET WITH BOTH PRESIDENT GEISEL AND TWO MISSIONARIES
WHO TOLD HER THEY WERE TORTURED IN A BRAZILIAN JAIL. THE
CONJUNCTION OF THOSE TWO MEETINGS WAS SYMBOLIC OF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION'S EMERGING APPROACH TOWARD BRAZIL AND OTHER
LATIN NATIONS RULED BY MILITARY OLIGARCHIES. THE APPARENT
INTENTION IS TO MAINTAIN NORMAL CHANNELS OF DIPLOMACY
AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS BUT SOME CONTACT ALSO
WITH THEIR DEMOCRATIC CRITICS. THIS MARKS A RADICAL
DEPARTURE FROM THE PRACTICE OF RECENT ADMINISTRATIONS AND
HAS CREATED A GOOD DEAL OF TENSION IN HEMISPHERE REGIMES."

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OTHER POINTS:
-- TENSION MOST PRONOUNCED WITH BRAZIL FOR UNDERSTANDABLE
REASONS. BRAZIL'S PRACTICES NOT AMONG THE WORST. IN
SOUTH AMERICA IT MUST BE CONSIDERED RELATIVELY SCRUPULOUS.

YET, STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT CRITICIZED CONDITIONS IN

BRAZIL. THERE ARE STILL CHARGES OF ABUSES.

-- GEISEL ADMINISTRATION RECORD IS REMARKEDLY BETTER THAN THAT OF ITS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR. WASHINGTON'S CONCERN FOR BRAZIL'S CIVIC LIFE IS DUE MORE TO CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S KEEN INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS THAN TO BACKSLIDING BY GEISEL REGIME. THUS BRAZILIAN RESENTMENT TO WHAT TO THEM SEEM ILL-DESERVED, MEDDLESOME REBUKES.

-- SITUATION FURTHER COMPLICATED BY WASHINGTON'S INTENSE OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR DEAL.

-- BRAZIL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION HAS BEEN IMPROVING, SAME CANNOT BE SAID FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS.

-- STILL, WHEN POLITICAL RIGHTS DENIED, HUMAN RIGHTS OFTEN VIOLATED IN PROCESS. GAIN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DUE IN PART TO GEISEL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LIMITED REVIVAL OF DEMOCRATIC LIFE. THAT EFFORT NOW VIRTUALLY ABANDONED WITH CLOSING OF CONGRESS AND CENSORSHIP OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS.

-- THOUGHT DISAPPOINTING, THESE DEVELOPMENTS DID NOT DETER WHITE HOUSE FROM INCLUDING BRAZIL ON MRS. CARTER'S ITINERARY.

-- IT IS REPORTED HER TALKS WITH GEISEL WENT WELL.

-- BY MEETING WITH MISSIONARIES, SHE UNDERSCORED MESSAGE THAT COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL WILL NOT BLIND WASHINGTON
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TO ANY INHUMAN TREATMENT OF LEGITIMATE AND PEACEABLE POLITICAL CRITICS.

-- PRECISELY BECAUSE BRAZIL'S LEADERS ARE SENSITIVE TO SUCH CRITICISM AND TO ISSUES AT STAKE, HERE IS ONE PLACE WHERE CARTER APPROACH, IF BALANCED, CAN HAVE SOME EFFECT.

WASHINGTON POST

NOTE: INSIDE STORY; TWO-COLUMN PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER DURING PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHAPEL OF BOGOTA MUSEUM.

SUSANNA MCBEE (WITH CONTRIBUTION OF PENNY LERNOUX) FROM CARACAS.

HEADLINE: "DRUG TRAFFIC VERY SERIOUS, MRS. CARTER TELLS COLOMBIA".

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER IS SENDING TWO DRUG EXPERTS TO

DISCUSS STEPS TO HALT THE VERY SERIOUS NARCOTICS TRAFFIC
FROM COLOMBIA TO THE UNITED STATES ROSALYNN CARTER
ANNOUNCED TODAY ON BOARD HER AIRFORCE JET."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BOURNE AND FALCO WILL GO TO COLOMBIA IN A FEW WEEKS
FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH DRUG OFFICIALS THERE.

-- MRS. CARTER SAID SHE AND LOPEZ "AGREED THAT DRUG
TRAFFIC IS SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. I TOLD
HIM JIMMY IS CONCERNED THAT WE TAKE AN HONEST LOOK AT
THE SITUATION AND TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO CURB
ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING."

-- A JOINT U.S.-COLOMBIAN PROGRAM TO HALT FLOW OF NARCOT-
ICS HAS BEEN BOGGED DOWN FOR SOME TIME. BEING DISCUSSED
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IS U.S. AID TO HELP COLOMBIA ACQUIRE TWO HELICOPTERS.

-- EARLIER AT NEWS CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA, MRS. CARTER
SAID SHE HAD TOLD LOPEZ U.S. IS UNSETTLED ABOUT STARR
KIDNAPPING. U.S. OFFICIALS BELIEVE HE IS STILL ALIVE.
LOPEZ PROMISED "TO DO WHAT HE COULD".

-- SEVENTY AMERICANS JAILED ON DRUG CHARGES "HAD BECOME
A BIG ISSUE" IN U.S. MRS. CARTER TOLD LOPEZ.

WASHINGTON STAR

INSIDE, TWO-COLUMN AP PICTURE; MRS. CARTER LAUGHING WITH
PEREZ.

CAPTION SAYS: THEY WENT INTO MEETING TO DISCUSS
VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EXCHANGE IDEAS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS.

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